



Sylvester School Redevelopment Committee

May 12th, 2016 – 7:00 PM

Town of Hanover

The following minutes are from the Sylvester School Redevelopment Committee meeting held on Thursday, June 9th, 2016 in Hanover Town Hall.

Sylvester School Redevelopment Committee Meeting Attendees:

Present: Heidi Cho, David Delaney, John Galluzzo, Joseph Rull, Louise Sironi and Douglas Thomson

Absent: Christopher Martin

The meeting started at 7:05 p.m. in the first floor large hearing room at Town Hall, Hanover, Massachusetts. The committee discussed about the objectives and decided that individual research will be conducted for the next Sylvester School meeting.

Here are some of the questions that the Committee wanted to answer throughout the process:

- What are the phasing strategies to activate the building? How do we phase the building?
- How do we help out the expenses of the Center School?
- What is the ADA compliance of the existing building?
- What are the potential uses of the building that can fulfill the Town's needs? (Marketplace, incubator space, senior housing and/or community center, general housing)
- Has there been a previous study of a restoration project at Sylvester School?
- What is the ownership and management model of the reused old school building?
- What would be the best communication and marketing strategy to reach out to our community?
- Is there any State grant that can support the redevelopment of the school?
- How do we use the Sylvester School as a catalyst to reactivate the town center?
- Is there a possibility of repositioning the Sylvester School building?

The committee agreed to set a goal to provide a preliminary statement for the Town Meeting in October to help the vote of the Center School addition and Sylvester School Redevelopment.

Here were the tasks distributed to each Committee members for our next meeting.

What	Who
Create a section and an email for the Committee on Hanover's website	Heidi
Marketing / Press Release	John, Louise and Heidi
Find an ADA expert and organize a tour at the Sylvester School for the next meeting	Heidi
Find precedents of old school buildings converted to a market place	Louise

Look into Sylvester School's previous projects and status	Heidi
Grants and funding	John
Research ownership and management model of other towns' old schools that were repurposed and/or reused	David, Doug and Joe

Next Sylvester Redevelopment Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 9th. The Committee will vote on Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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